

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Arno HAHN and Joachim BLATTNER**  
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For: **SANITARY FITTING**  
Customer No.: **08933**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and before calculating the filing fee, please amend the claims as provided herein, beginning on the following page. These amended claims shall replace the claims contained in the English translation of the application as submitted herewith.

These changes are made in order to conform to US format, especially to provide clear antecedent basis, to remove multiple dependencies and to place alternative expressions in separate dependent claims. No new matter is presented. The claims are within the number permitted under the basic filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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